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With the assistance of the Party and the Government the Bulgarian stockraising business is constantly growing and improving. In comparison with last year the number of livestock farms at farm workers' cooperatives and state farms has increased 50 percent. The number of animals on them has also increased considerably. Local breeds are being crossbred with highly productive breeds on an ever-increasing scale at farm workers' cooperatives and state farms. By applying the experience of the modern Soviet stockbreeding and availing themselves of the brotherly assistance of a number of outstanding Soviet stockbreeders who have visited Bulgaria, farm workers' cooperatives and state farms have succeeded in producing a large number of highly productive animals of various breeds during the last few years. New breeds of horses, such as the "Eastern Bulgarian", the "Danubian", and the "Pleven", new breeds of cattle, such as the "Iskar", the "Kula", the "Sofia Brown", and the new "Bulgarian Merino" sheep and "Bulgarian Improved White" breeds have already been produced in Bulgaria. These breeds are outstanding in the following valuable qualities: labor capacity, high productivity and adaptability to local conditions.

By following the valuable instructions of the Soviet kolkhoz and sovkhoz cattle breeders for improved care and feeding of livestock and by availing themselves of the direct assistance of Bulgarian zoo technicians many livestock farms of the farm workers' cooperatives and state farms have achieved encouraging successes in increasing the yields from the raising of cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry during the current year.

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At the "Gavril Genov" State Farm (railroad station: Boychinovtsi, Mikhaylovgrad Okoliya) the herd of cows belonging to the "Kula" cattle breed has given an average yearly milk production of 4,100 kilograms per cow. The milker at the same farm, Mikhail Tsv. Kostov, winner of a Dimitrov prize, has obtained from seven cows of the "Kula" breed an average of 4,357 kilograms of milk. The herd of cows of the "Sofia Brown" breed at the farm workers' cooperative at Slatina, Lovech Okoliya, has yielded an average of 3,260 kilograms of milk per cow, and the cow "Velika" ("Great") from the same herd has given 5,700 kilograms of milk a year with a maximum daily yield of 42 kilograms.

At the sheep-raising farm of the farm workers' cooperative at Veselinovo, Yambol Okoliya, an average of 4.5 kilograms of wool per sheep has been obtained from the flock of sheep of the "Copper-red" breed, and from the "Pleven Black-headed" flock at the farm workers' cooperative at Makhalaria, Pleven Okoliya, an average of 178 kilograms of milk has been obtained annually from each sheep.

Borrowing from the experiences of the Soviet hogbreeders, Comrade Georgi Khr. Michev, the brigade leader at the hog-breeding farm of the "Vasil Kolarov" State Cattle Farm, has succeeded in adding an average weight of 1.5 kilograms per hog per day by frequent feedings with the same quantity of feed.

The excellent results achieved in cattle raising in Bulgaria are creating the conditions for intensifying the struggle to raise the cultural level of our cattle breeders, for improving the organization of the livestock farms, and for continued assimilation and application of the rich experience of the Soviet women and men engaged in stockbreeding. The result will be a further increase in the yields from stockraising and an increase in the material welfare of the members of the farm workers' cooperatives and the workers on the state farms.

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